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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KE, US

SUBJECT: GOK REQUEST FOR LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE
FOR SQUADRON OF F-5E/F AIRCRAFT

REF: A) NAIROBI 2277, B) NAIROBI 2171, C) STATE 41704,
D) STATE 48492

1. INFORMATION PROVIDED REFTEL A IS ADEQUATE FOR PREPARATION (WHICH HAS BEGUN) OF LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE (LOA). USAF ESTIMATES MAXIMUM OF 60 DAYS NEEDED FOR LOA PREPARATION, BUT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT PREPARE IT IN SHORTER TIME. 60 DAYS DOES NOT INCLUDE STATUTORY 20-DAY CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW PERIOD, BUT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR GOK TO RECEIVE COPY OF UNSIGNED LOA SHORTLY AFTER IT HAS BEEN SENT TO CONGRESS. LOA CANNOT BE SIGNED UNTIL AFTER EXPIRATION OF 20-DAY PERIOD.

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2. USAF PLANS HAVE SURVEY/BRIEFING TEAM DELIVER UNSIGNED
LOA TO NAIROBI AT APPROPRIATE TIME AFTER CONGRESS HAS BEEN
PROVIDED COPY OF LOA. DETAILS OF TEAM VISIT WILL BE SENT
CLOSER TO DATE OF LOA'S DELIVERY.

3. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED OVER APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING
ON PART OF GOK, AS EVIDENCED IN PARA 5 REFTEL A, THAT USG
HAS MADE QUOTE COMMITMENT UNQUOTE TO PROVIDE GOK WITH
DOLS.45 MILLION FMS CREDIT ASSISTANCE THROUGH FY 1979.
DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH GOK DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON,
WE REPEATEDLY STRESSED THAT DOLS. 45 MILLION WAS PLANNING
FIGURE - AN AMOUNT WHICH WE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
TO KENYA, BUT THAT IT WAS NOT RPT NOT A MULTI-YEAR
COMMITMENT ON PART OF USG, AND THAT ANY PURCHASE
DECISION MADE BY KENYANS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN LIGHT OF
THESE FACTS. GOK DELEGATION WAS INFORMED THAT WE
PLAN TO REQUEST FROM CONGRESS FMS CREDIT ASSISTANCE FOR
KENYA WHICH THROUGH FY 1979 WOULD TOTAL DOLS. 45 MILLION,
BUT THAT ACTUAL COMMITMENT OF FUNDS WOULD HAVE TO BE
MADE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, SUBJECT TO AUTHORIZATION AND
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS BY CONGRESS. EMBASSY SHOULD
EXPLAIN FOREGOING TO GOK OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE
POSSIBLE FUTURE MISUNDERSTANDING REGARDING QUESTION OF
FMS CREDIT ASSISTANCE FOR KENYAN MILITARY PURCHASES.
GOK MUST BE PREPARED TO COVER ANY AMOUNT RESULTING
FROM A DECISION BY CONGRESS NOT TO AUTHORIZE AND
APPROPRIATE FMS CREDIT FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER COST OF
F-5E/F AIRCRAFT. PLEASE CONFIRM.

4. POSSIBLE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL DOLS. 20 MILLION
IN FMS CREDIT ASSISTANCE FOR F5E/F PURCHASE IS UNDER
CONSIDERATION; HOWEVER, THIS SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED
WITH KENYANS. KISSINGER

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